GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:171
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2011
REGIONAL VARIATION IN PRICE TRENDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether regional variations in price trends of food produces have been noticed in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.171 FOR 08.03.2011 REGARDING REGIONAL VARIATION IN PRICE TRENDS.

(a) & (b): Some regional variation in prices does exist as demand and supply conditions of commodities are not uniform across regions. In addition, transmission of price change from production centres to consumption centres is not uniform and is also lagged in its impact. The details of the regional variation in price trends of food produces across North, South, East, North-East Zone, West zone as on 3.3.2011 are given in Annexure I. The increase in prices of pulses has been observed which could be on account of increase in international prices as well as lower arrivals at this time of the year,

(c): The remedial steps taken by the government to contain the prices rise of essential commodities especially foodgrains are given in Annexure II.